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SUBJECT: GAMAL EL-DIN MANSUR, NEW EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA

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1. EGYPTIANS OBVIOUSLY VALUE RESTORATION OF NORMAL RELATIONS WITH SYRIA ENOUGH TO NOMINATE ONE OF THEIR MOST RESPECTED AND BEST QUALIFIED DIPLOMATS AS NEW AMBASSADOR. MANSUR HAS BEEN WORKING IN FONMINISTRY AS UNDERSECRETARY SINCE EARLY 1975, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS, ASIAN AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH DEPARTMENT. HE HAS LONG EXPERIENCE AS AMBASSADOR: WEST GERMANY (1974-75). THAILAND (1969-71), ZAIRE (1971-74), AND CYPRUS 1974-75). HE ALSO HAS EXPEREICE IN WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, HAVING RUN WESTERN EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT IN MFA FROM 1965-68.

2. MANSUR'S AMERICAN COLLEAGUES HAVE OVER THE YEARS REGARDED HIM HIGHLY. HE HAS REPUTATION AS SERIOUS STUDENT OF AFFAIRS WITHIN HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND IS CONSIDERED OPEN TO DIALOGUE AND SUGGESTIONS. FOR REASONS WE ARE NOT SURE OF, HOWEVER, MANSUR HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM TOP POLICY MAKING COUNCILS DURING HIS TOUR AS U/S IN MFA, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF FORMIN FAHMY'S PREDILCTION FOR KEEPING ALL POLICY MAKING IN HIS OWN SHOP. MANSUR IS STILL IN HIS EARLY 50'S. HE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, FRENCH, ITALIAN AND GERMAN, AND IS QUITE COSMOPOLITAN. HIS WIFE, NADIA, IS  
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CHARMING, ATTRACTIVE AND PERSONABLE AND ABOUT 15 YEARS YOUNGER

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HIM TO EMBASSY DAMASCUS AS FIRST CLASS COLLEAGUE.  
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